

CONCERT OF POWERS NECESSARY FOR PEACE OF THE WORLD PRES. WILSON TOLD DISTINGUISHED GATHERING IN GUILDHALL

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Rose with One Accord and Cheered, Keeping
Up the Ovation Until the President Had Passed
Out of the Building.

BRITAIN'S MOST PROMINENT STATESMEN WERE ASSEMBLED

TALK PUNCTUATED
WITH MUCH APPLAUSE

He Declared That the People
of the World Want Peace,
Not by Conquest, but by
Agreement of Mind.

London, Dec. 28.—Speaking to-day in the historic Guildhall at a ceremonial gathering of Great Britain's most distinguished statesmen, President Wilson reaffirmed his principle that there must no longer be a balance of power which might unsettle the peace of the world, but that the future must produce a concert of power which would preserve it.

The president's reception at the Guildhall was so spontaneous and hearty that it carried an unmistakable note of friendship and admiration. When he arose to speak there was a prolonged outburst of handclapping and cheering, and his talk was frequently punctuated by applause. At the conclusion of his address the audience rose with one accord and cheered, and it kept up the applause and cheering as he passed out.

The president was given a notable ovation on rising to begin his speech and some of the points that won renewed applause were his tribute to the armies of the associated governments and his declaration that "people throughout the world want peace and want it immediately—not, however, by conquest, but by agreement of mind."

The distinguished guests and other officials received by the lord mayor included Premier Lloyd George, Field Marshal Haig, Foreign Secretary Balfour, Admiral Sims, former Premier Asquith, Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the exchequer, and the ambassadors of the principal allied governments.

After President Wilson's arrival all were grouped on the dais, the lord mayor in the center and President Wilson on his right, next to the duke of Connaught. The Royal Artillery band in the gallery played American airs, ushering President Wilson in with "The Star Spangled Banner."

During his speech the president declared the soldiers had fought to do away with the old order and establish a new one. The old order, he said, had for its center the "unstable thing" called the balance of power, determined by competitive interests, "jealous rivalries" and "an antagonism of interests."

The men who have fought the war, said the president, "have been men from free nations who were determined that this sort of thing should end now and forever."

The suggestion for a concert of power to replace the balance of power, he remarked, now was coming from every quarter and from every sort of mind. The concert to come, the president declared, must not be a balance of power, or one powerful group of nations set off against another, but "a single overwhelming, powerful group of nations, which shall be the trustees of the peace of the world."

The minds of the leaders of the British government, he found, the president said, were moving along in the same lines as his own and their thought has been that the key to peace is the guarantee of it and not the items of it. The items of it, he added, would be worthless unless a concert of power stood to back them.

No such potent union of purpose ever has been seen in the world before, the president said, as that which now demands a concert of power to preserve the world's peace. Whereas it had been the thought of cloistered students and academic men he now found the practical minds of the world determined to get it.

"I am particularly happy that the ground has been cleared and the foundation laid," continued the president, "because we already have accepted the same body principles. Those principles are clearly and definitely enough stated to make their application a matter which should afford no fundamental difficulty."

"The peoples of the world," the president declared, "want peace and want it now, not merely by the conquest of arms, but by agreement of mind." Such an achievement, the president considered, would be the finest enterprise of humanity.

There had been just a hint that the president's address would be the key to the conference he has been holding with British statesmen, and the address was delivered to-day was interpreted in American quarters as confirming the previous intimations that these conferences had been very satisfactory from the president's viewpoint.

At the outset of his address, President Wilson declared he did not fancy that the welcome of Paris and London to him was purely personal, but rather that the voices of the people were expressing not only emotions of gratification that the fighting had ceased, but also their conception that the peace to be made

vail, and it is delightful that members of the government which brought this nation into the war because of the moral obligations based upon a treaty should be among those who have brought me this paper, because on the other side of the water we have greatly admired the motives and subscribed to the principles which actuated the government of Great Britain in obeying that moral dictate.

"You have shown what we must organize, namely that same force and sense of obligation; and unless we organize it the thing that we do now will not stand."

"I feel that so strongly that it is particularly cheering to know just how strong and imperative the idea has become. I thank you very much, indeed. It has been a privilege to see you personally."

"I was just saying to Lord Grey that we had indirect knowledge of each other and that I am glad to identify him. I feel as if I had met him long ago, and I had the pleasure of matching minds with Mr. Asquith yesterday."

CONGRATULATES WILSON.

King George Wished Him Many Happy Returns of the Day.

London, Dec. 28.—King George called at President Wilson's apartments at 10 o'clock this morning and wished him many happy returns of the day. It was the president's sixty-second birthday.

WANTS TO PRESENT
ARMENIA'S CLAIMS

Armenian Mission Has Arrived in London to Seek Audience with President Wilson.

London, Dec. 28.—General Torcom, chief of the Armenian military mission, has arrived in London and has visited the American embassy to request an audience with President Wilson for the purpose of presenting and explaining Armenia's claims and aspirations. An appointment for a conference probably will be made later.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCES.

Are Being Held by the American Officials in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Important conferences are being held between the members of the American peace delegation in Paris and representatives of six branches of American activities which are represented by Herbert C. Hoover, food; Edward N. Hurley, shipping; Oscar T. Crosby, treasury; Admiral Benson, navy; General Bliss, army, and Mr. Turner, war trade board. The purpose of the conference is to co-ordinate these activities into one committee which will function with the peace commission.

The Earl of Derby, British ambassador in Paris, and Mr. Hoover, conferred to-day with Colonel E. M. House concerning details of allied participation in the food relief of Europe.

GERMANS LIVING UP

ARMISTICE TERM

Are Turning Over Railroad Stock Satisfactorily—In a Single Day They Surrendered 3500 Cars and 200 Locomotives.

Paris, Dec. 28 (Havas).—Armistice conditions relative to the delivery of railroad rolling stock are being carried out satisfactorily by the Germans. In a single day 3500 cars and 200 locomotives were turned over to the allies.

CRISIS IN BERLIN.

The Present Government Does Not Appear Able to Hold On.

Berlin, Friday, Dec. 27 (by the Associated Press).—The government continues to deny the existence of a crisis, developments appear to be rapidly approaching the point where the Ebert-Haase cabinet no longer will be able to assert its authority. The Berlin newspapers reflect the apprehension prevailing in all circles. The Vossische Zeitung, for instance, says that the six men who sign for the government are no longer the government and that it is upon the newly created central council of soldiers and workers to assume the responsibility.

The Tagesspiegel declares it would be fatal to pin hopes to the national assembly as a constituent body or as one which could repair the damage now threatening. The Lokal Anzeiger believes the crux of the situation is to be found in the struggle between the independent socialists and the Spartacus group for control in order to prevent the meeting of the national assembly. It points to the probability of a repetition of the events of Nov. 9, with the result that the radicals might constitute a new government dominated by George Ledebour and Dr. Karl Liebknecht.

Die Freiheit, organ of the independent socialists, declares the position of the cabinet is critical and that it is unlikely to survive in its present make-up. The Tagesspiegel Rundschau says it is highly uncertain that Ebert and Scheidemann will be able to save the situation for themselves.

"BARNSTORMING" EUROPE.

Major Leagues Planning Baseball Series Next Fall.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A series of games in Europe after the close of the baseball season here next fall is planned for the pennant winners in the National and American leagues.

President B. B. Johnson of the American league has had the project under consideration for some time. He has delegated Bill Lange, star National league player twenty years ago, who is in France engaged in Y. M. C. A. work, to look over the field and report on the feasibility of taking the two major league teams across the Atlantic to play before the American soldiers.

"Whether the two champion teams go over depends entirely on the report of conditions by Lange," Mr. Johnson said to-day.

SNOW, THEN FAIR.

Normal Temperature Will Prevail During the Coming Week.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday issued by the weather bureau to-day are:

IRISH REPUBLIC IS ANNOUNCED

Posters Suddenly Appear in
Every Parish in
Ireland

SINN FEIN COUNCIL
TO SIT AT DUBLIN

Members Elected to British
Parliament Will Not
Take Seats

London, Dec. 28.—Posters will appear in every parish in Ireland to-day announcing that the Irish republic has come into being, says the Express.

The newspaper adds that the Sinn Feiners, in the recent election, swept Leinster, Munster and Connaught. Seventy members of Parliament were elected by the party but they will not take their seats. The Executive Council, a central Sinn Fein council will be established. If the government orders its disbandment, it is stated, it will establish itself elsewhere, and if necessary, move from place to place.

OVER MILLION LISTED
FOR DEMOBILIZATION

Greater Per Cent of the Soldiers Were
Men in Home Camps, Gen. March
Announced To-day.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—More than eleven hundred thousand soldiers at home and abroad have been designated for demobilization since the armistice was signed. General March gave the figures to-day as 937,000 men in home units to be discharged and 165,000 men and 6,800 officers assigned by General Pershing for early conveyance home from France.

This includes men already discharged and those who have landed from France. To date official reports show 533,324 men and 35,409 officers actually discharged. Complete reports for the week just ended are expected to raise the total at least 100,000.

FAVORITE DETECTIVE DEAD.

Capt. John Henry, U. S. Secret Service
Head in New York.

New York, Dec. 28.—Captain John Henry, head of the federal secret service office in New York and one of the country's noted investigators of counterfeiting conspiracies, died suddenly to-day at his Brooklyn home. He was 54 years old.

Captain Henry was credited with the successful prosecution of "Lupo, the Wolf," chief figure in a sensational counterfeiting case about nine years ago, and with the arrest in Cuba and the conviction of Louis Edward De Shelby about a year ago in connection with the printing of spurious 1,000 franc notes of the Bank of France.

Identified with the secret service for 23 years, Captain Henry succeeded, as head of the New York office, William J. Flynn, now chief of the railroad administration's detective bureau.

SEN. JONES TAKES

A FLYING TRIP

Washington Statesman Left the National
Capital in Airplane Piloted by
Lieut. Logg.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Senator Jones of Washington, started for New York to-day in an airplane piloted by Lieutenant Logg. They expected to land at Hazelhurst flying field.

MADE 1,556TH TRIP TO BARRE.

E. F. Smith of Cabot Has Skipped Only
Four Weeks in 30 Years.

Yesterday E. F. Smith, a well known Cabot farmer, made his 1,556th trip to Barre. Traveling over the road to this city weekly, Mr. Smith has not missed a regular visit in 30 years with the exception of a month's absence in California, when four trips were omitted. Scarcely a farmer who tilled the soil along the roadway back in 1888 is on hand to-day, and in the course of his weekly visits, Mr. Smith has witnessed many changes in Barre. Rarely does he turn homeward without having unloaded a cargo of produce, usually pork and beef, and after traveling 40 miles to and from his home he is yet ready to attend to the chores upon his return. Mr. Smith will be 70 years old next April, but his vigor is that of a man who came under the wire when the draft limit was extended to 45. He ascribed his rugged health to almost complete abstinence from tea and coffee. He has a wholesome respect for the staying qualities of home-grown food and says he has little respect for the new-fangled health food.

HEIRESS GETS BIG FORTUNE.

Miss Katherine B. Viles' Annual Income
Rumored to Be \$25,000.

George L. Blanchard and Miss B. Elizabeth Shaffner settled their account to-day as guardian of Katherine B. Viles, daughter of the late J. S. Viles of Montpelier. Miss Viles has passed her 18th birthday and is coming into the estate of her father, from which it is understood she will receive a yearly income of about \$25,000.

Almira Aherm has been appointed in probate court as the administratrix of the estate of J. E. Aherm, late of Barre. Betsey E. Hopkins has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Enos E. Hopkins, late of Cabot.

SNOW, THEN FAIR.

Normal Temperature Will Prevail During the Coming Week.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday issued by the weather bureau to-day are:

"North and Middle Atlantic States.—Occasional snows early in the week, followed by generally fair weather thereafter. Temperature nearly normal, although probably somewhat warmer on Tuesday and Wednesday."

LLOYD GEORGE WON WITH EASE

His Government Returned to
Power with Overwhelm-
ing Majority

ASQUITH LOST
CONTEST FOR SEAT

Coalition Unionists Had 127
Votes on the Late
Returns

London, Dec. 28.—All indications at 3 o'clock this afternoon were that Premier Lloyd George and his government would have an overwhelming majority in the new House of Commons.

At 1:30 o'clock the election returns showed this result: Coalition Unionists, 127; coalition Liberals, 56; Unionists, 5; Liberals, 2; Labor, 23; Irish Nationalists, 1; Sinn Fein, 28, and one independent.

WOMAN CANDIDATE DEFEATED

Mrs. Charlotte Despard, Sister of Viscount French, Was Labor Candidate.

London, Dec. 28.—The first election return received to-day shows the defeat of a woman candidate, Mrs. Charlotte Despard, sister of Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland. She was defeated in North Battersea by Richard Morris, coalition Liberal. Morris received 7,231 votes and Mrs. Despard, who was a Labor candidate, 5,634 votes.

ASQUITH DEFEATED.

Former Premier and Leader of the Liberal Party.

London, Dec. 28.—Herbert H. Asquith, former premier and leader of the liberal party, has been defeated for his seat in the House of Commons, from the east division of Wilt, Scotland.

ARTHUR HENDERSON DEFEATED.

Leader of British Labor Party and Former Member of War Cabinet.

London, Dec. 28.—Arthur Henderson, leader of the British labor party, and former member of the war cabinet, has been defeated for re-election to Parliament from the south district of East Ham.

LLOYD GEORGE RE-ELECTED.

Prime Minister Chosen to Parliament from Carnarvon, Wales.

London, Dec. 28.—David Lloyd George, prime minister and leader of the coalition government, has been re-elected to his seat in Parliament from Carnarvon, Wales.

OVER 2700 ENROLLMENTS.

In Red Cross Membership Campaign in the Barre District.

More than 2,700 enrollments in the Christmas Red Cross roll have been reported from the Barre district, which includes the city and town. Because a number of reports are outstanding, the complete returns cannot be compiled, but James F. Higgins, chairman of the district committee, said to-day that the efforts of the campaign organizers are being bent toward a final enrollment of 3,000.

If this end is to be attained, canvassers who have not yet reported, must file their returns at once. People who were overlooked in the campaign are not relieved of the responsibility of enrolling and for the accommodation of those who have not enrolled, the account remains open and membership cards may be obtained at the office of the D. M. Miles Coal Co. in Barre and Barre Town.

There remain more than enough non-members to clear the 3,000 mark, and it is hoped that the response will be prompt.

It was reported to the county chairman in Montpelier to-day that 409 members were secured in Northfield.

CLANSMEN GAVE RITUAL.

At Burial of William Still, Whose Funeral Was Held To-day.

The funeral of William Still, a native of New Deer, Scotland, whose death Thursday morning followed a two months' illness, was held at the home of Charles Keith, 105 North Seminary street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Edgar Crossland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The bearers were: Alex. Cowie and John Morrison of Clan Gordon; George McLeod and James Massie of the Glengie club; and Alex. Cormack and George Taylor of the Bonaccord club. Other representatives of the three organizations with which the deceased was affiliated, were in attendance. There were a number of floral tributes. Interment was made in Hope cemetery and before the body was committed the clansmen gave their burial service.

GODDARD HONOR LIST.

Lucy Stoddard of Plainfield Won the First Place.

The following is the rank list for the fall term at Goddard seminary: 1st, Lucy Stoddard, Plainfield; 2d, Georgina Luchina, Barre; 3d, Anita Dutton, Brookfield; 4th, George Edmund Milne, Barre; 5th, Abbie Arbuckle, East Montpelier; 6th, Royce Pitkin, Cabot; 7th, Francis Thurston, Barre Town; 8th, Grace Bolton, Cabot; 9th, Lillian Lacey, Cabot; and Doris Morrison, Granvilleville; 10th, Ramon Hobbs, Londestery.

Commercial department—1st, Alice Gilbertson, Barre; 2d, Aurora Casellini, Barre; 3d, Hazel Weeks, East Calais; 4th, Eva Davis, Putnamville; 5th, Elva Gifford, East Randolph; 6th, Irene Davis, East Brookfield; 7th, Florence Moore, Warren; 8th, Laura Mowall, Barre; 9th, Anna Lewis, Wells; 10th, Mildred Fitzgerald, Barre, and Doris Jones, Barre.

HOLD LESS RESERVE.

Clearing House Banks and Trust Companies Reported.

New York, Dec. 28.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week (five days) shows that they held \$42,804,340 reserve in excess of legal requirement. This is a decrease of \$16,357,410 from last week.

NEW SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED.

That at the Hedding Church Carries 56 Stars.

A large company gathered at the Hedding Methodist church last evening to witness the dedication of a new and larger service flag. Fifty-six young men have places on the honor roll, the larger portion of whom have seen actual service on the sea or in France. Some have been wounded and one paid the highest tribute to his country, a gold star adorning the flag. For honorable service some have been raised to higher offices, and one especially cited for bravery.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. W. L. Boisvert of Waterbury, who has recently returned from Y. M. C. A. service in France. He pictured in a pleasing way the type of service the Y. M. C. A. worker renders and he closed with a touching portrayal of various soldiers, French, Italian and American, who found a home in the Y. M. C. A. hut. He declared that the American soldier played a large part in the winding of the final victory.

During the service a male quartet, consisting of William Oliver, Nicholas Veale, John Blackmore and Hildreth Martin, sang, and Miss Mary Bishop rendered a solo. As "The Star Spangled Banner" was being sung, the service flag, which up to that time had remained folded, was released by Mary Andrews. The honor roll was then read and as symbolic the great Gettysburg address was read by Deane Davis.

The flag was presented to the church in the name of the ladies' and pastor's union by Mrs. James E. Roberts and was accepted by Rev. B. G. Lipsky, pastor of the church, who also made remarks of a dedicatory nature and offered prayer. The congregation joined in singing "America," and Rev. W. L. Boisvert pronounced the benediction.

PLANNING FOR BIG YEAR.

Vermont Poultry Association Elected W. A. Moir, Jr., as President.

Activities looking toward a busy year, beginning with a poultry show next month, were brought to a focus last evening when the Vermont Poultry association held its annual meeting in the court room at city hall. There was a large attendance of poultry breeders and in the informal discussions which preceded the business session much satisfaction was expressed over the decision to proceed with plans for the usual exhibit. To have permitted the annual round-up of blooded birds to lapse would have been a step backward, said the members.

W. A. Moir, Jr., a young man whose energy has had much to do with maintaining the association at a high standard, was elected president, and the remaining officers were filled as follows: Secretary, Charles Oliver; treasurer, E. R. Tarbox; superintendent of hall, William Oliver, Jr.; vice-presidents, J. P. Corskie, John Kennedy and Harry Burnett.

The tentative dates of the annual exhibit are Jan. 21, 22 and 23. The city council has granted the association the use of the opera house, where the exhibition of birds will be centered on the stage. Announcement of the judges selected is to be made shortly. Featuring the show will be the utility class, in which emphasis is to be placed on the fine points of laying and the marketing of fowls.

The Vermont poultry association, along with other similar organizations, is laboring under a handicap because of the war's effect on the breeding of birds. Prohibitive prices caused many breeders to dispose of their blue ribbons, yet among the prospective exhibitors many high class birds are available and the exhibit is bound to be a success.

WILLIAMS CASE MONDAY.

Will Be Started in Washington County Court.

The trial of the case of State vs. Frank Williams, state bank examiner, charged with malfeasance in office through failure to report conditions in the auditor's office, will be started in Washington county court Monday afternoon. The attorneys on both sides of the case have been in Montpelier to-day, looking after the details preparatory to the opening of the trial.

The following additional jurors were drawn to-day in the Washington county court for the trial of the coming state cases: Harry Clark, Calais; William M. Holden, Barre City; A. J. Young, Barre City; D. W. McLeod, Barre Town; D. A. Fraser, Barre Town; Olin Chase, Berlin; H. J. Dodge, Berlin; F. M. Marsh, Cabot; M. L. Chester, Cabot; D. E. Blake, Woodbury; Ed. Nye, Woodbury; Richard Fiddock, Waterbury; E. B. Moody, Waterbury; G. H. Camp, Warren; A. F. Mobus, Warren; George W. French, Roxbury; D. H. Hollister, Plainfield; Lee V. Lane, Plainfield; Charles Duke, Northfield; J. M. Bullock, Northfield; P. E. Griffith, Moretown; A. M. Griffith, Moretown; Clarence A. Gale, Montpelier; Eugene Buck, Montpelier; H. E. Hills, Middlesex; L. B. Adams, Marshfield; D. M. McCrillis, Marshfield; George C. McKnight, East Montpelier; Wallace Baldwin, Duxbury; Frank Fuller, Calais.

BARRE MAN STATE CHAMPION.

David Stephen Won Checker Tournament at Burlington.

David Stephen, of 184 South Main street, Barre, brought back the championship of the Vermont state checker tournament from Burlington last night, after a two days' meeting held at the Algonquin club in that city. He was declared a winner until after a hard tussle with W. D. Ingalls of Richmond, they having tied in the regular tournament with 15 points each and thus being compelled to play off.

Seve players completed the tournament, others who entered having dropped out for one reason or another. The score of the seven in the scheduled tournament was as follows: David Stephen, Barre, 15; W. D. Ingalls, Richmond, 15; William Gill, Burlington, 13; Dr. E. H. Butties, Burlington, 11; W. C. Hoag, Burlington, 11; Quincy H. Perry, Barre, 10; W. H. Messer, Barre, 9. One feature of the tournament was the defeat of W. C. Hoag, a long-time state champion.

HEARD A COMPLAINT.

Committee on Professional Conduct of Vermont Bar Association.

The committee on professional conduct of the Vermont bar association met at the Pavilion hotel in Montpelier to-day to consider a recent complaint and to prepare its report for the annual meeting of the bar association in January. The members of the committee refused to divulge the nature of the complaint or to give out any names under consideration.

HELD ROUSING CELEBRATION

Sign Masons with Guests
Revived Custom Halted
by the War

EXERCISES, DANCE
AND BANQUET

There Was Little Lacking
in the Twenty-Eighth
Observance

By reviving memories of years ago and linking them with the living realities of a day that dwains in the bright light of a hard-won peace, Foreign Masons with their guests assembled in the Grand hall last evening resumed the time-honored custom of observing St. John's night. It was the first celebration of its kind in three years, for with the year's end since 1915 thoughts have been of sterner things. Yet the war and its concomitant of sorrow in every fraternal circle has not dulled the Foreign Masons' faculty for reviving the flag of their national saint into an occasion of jubilation.

There was nothing lackluster about the 28th annual banquet and dance. Jocosity was the long note, yet when the tenor of a toast reverted to men who have answered the last call the sobering side of this yearly assemblage of Masons came to the fore in the reverential mien of every craft.

Spirits were resurgent and every one of the 250 people participating went the distance in summoning good fellowship into the auditorium. The exercises began at 8 o'clock and two hours had elapsed before the feasting was under way. The hall was colorfully decorated, with the flags of all the allies figuring conspicuously in the arrangement. A table for the toastmaster and his attendants was spread on the stage, where a background formed by the Scottish banner with its lion rampant added impressively to the effect. Aloft was the flaming symbol of the craft, while along the front of the stage more allied flags were unfurled.

Seating one of the largest companies of the winter was accomplished without pother, thanks to the careful management of the committee and the exercises proceeded without delay. The honor of presiding fell to William Hurry, deputy grand master of the Vermont grand lodge. With him on the stage were Mrs. Hurry; James Glass, president of the Foreign Masons' association; and Operative lodge No. 150, of Aberdeen, Scotland; and Mrs. Glass; Arthur L. Averill, acting master of Granite lodge, No. 35, of Barre; and Mrs. Averill; and Supt. George J. Seager of the Barre Town schools, junior wardens of Granite lodge, and Mrs. Seager. The master of ceremonies was introduced by Mr. Glass.

It was a large contrast, for the toastmaster was required to keep up a running fire of funnypuns while keeping to his task of bringing out the best in oratory that the gathering afforded. He spoke seriously of the worthy custom of coming together in honor of St. John the Evangelist and in extending greetings to the company he suggested the possibility that only the hall rack in Masonic homes should be left behind to guard the portals on St. John's nights. He offered the first toast to the president of the United States and the craft. It was joyously received and heartily drunk. Followed the toast to the grand lodge of Scotland, on which occasion the chairman referred touchingly to the remembrance of sacrifices which Scottish Masonry has been called upon to make in the war for freedom.

The three cheers and an ear-splitting tiger which followed the toast was echoed a few moments later when the toast to the grand lodge of Vermont was pledged. Mr. Hurry said that the grand lodge had its beginning back in 1794, although the hall rack in Masonic homes and the fact that Vermont Masons were often found in affiliation with other grand lodge bodies delayed its most substantial growth until a half century afterward. To-day there are 105 lodges and 14,887 members in the Green Mountain state.

One of the moving tributes of the evening came from the lips of Mr. Seager, when he offered a toast to Operative lodge No. 150, of Aberdeen, Scotland. He spoke eloquently of the immortal 100,000, Britain's "old contingents," who laid their good lives down in 1914, and then referred to the glorious page which Scotland added to her earlier achievements in the war. He confessed to a deep sense of admiration for Scottish Masons, many of whom paid the glorious penalty for their love of liberty. James R. Coutts, who went to Scotland in 1901 while worshipful master of Granite lodge, made the reply, telling in an interesting way of his reception as an honorary member of Operative lodge. He alluded to the ceremony as an honor that fell the more readily to Granite lodge as it was whole than to its representative. Mr. Coutts said that 100 members of Operative lodge answered the call to the colors, the number including the worshipful master. Many made the supreme sacrifice.

James Robertson gracefully offered the toast to Granite lodge, bespeaking for the Foreign Masons their appreciation of the spirit of friendliness which animates the members of the younger lodge in their attitude to those who claim affiliation with the Aberdeen lodge. In a fitting response, Arthur L. Averill spoke feelingly of the death of Sidney Kidd, lately master of Granite lodge, and closed by urging Foreign Masons to make themselves more at home in the lodges of Granite lodge. Lester H. Green, one of a number of Montpelier Masons who entered cordially into the festive spirit of the observance, contributed a bit or two of wit to the program and was greeted with much applause.

A hush fell over the company when the chairman pledged the next toast—to the departed brothers. It was answered by George N. Tilden, who spoke in veneration of the Masons who have joined the majority. His words were followed by an interval of deep silence. George A. Cross, a representative of Northfield Masonry, responded afterward and then the program continued with an enjoyable vocal solo by Mrs. Alex McHaffie.

Soloists whose melody enlivened the later hours of the night included Arthur Muir, E. M. Tobin, Alfred Edwards, Arthur G. Bigelow and George McLeod.

If the feast of wit that began the observance engendered a glow of good com-

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